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In re Application of :
Hashimoto, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/656,382 :
Filed: September 5, 2003 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: APW-022 :
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This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.10,
filed June 19, 2006.

Petitioners allege that a response to the non-final Office action
mailed March 2, 2006 was deposited in Express Mail service June 2,
2006. As supporting evidence, petitioners provide a copy of an
Express Mail label bearing tracking number EV682327825US (the same
Express Mail number found on the copy of the response submitted
herewith) and a "date-in" of June 2, 2006.

In view of the above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.10 to accord
response to the non-final Office action a date of receipt of June
2, 2006 is hereby **GRANTED**.

No fee is due in connection with this petition.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2100
with an indication to Technical Staff that the response to the
non-final Office mailed March 2, 2006 is deemed timely received
by way of Express Mail on **June 2, 2006**.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed
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